



MESSAGE REVIEW

There is a very real enemy who exists in our world, and he's doing everything he can to fight against our marriages, our families, and the hope of redemption and restoration that comes through Jesus. As a church, it's time to rally around these things! We're called to build God's kingdom on earth and raise the next generation to pierce the darkness of our world. Our legacy is shaped by who we raise and influence, not just by what we do.

WARM UP QUESTION

On the spectrum of "china cabinet" to "arrow," how did your parents raise you?

1 **Read Psalm 127:1-2.** What is the relationship in these verses between the work the Lord does and the work people do? Are these verses saying we don't or shouldn't work? What would you say you're working to build (i.e. what legacy are you leaving)? How much are you bringing God into that work and how much are you relying on your own strength?

2 What contrast do you see between the emotional state of the worker in these verses and the emotional state God desires for His children? Can you identify with either? How do these verses address raising a family?

3 **Read Psalm 127:3-5.** What words does the psalmist use to describe children in these verses? Parent or not, is this how you view children? How does seeing them as arrows shift the way you think about raising and training them?

4 **Read Matthew 3:16-17.** God declared His delight in Jesus before Jesus did anything on earth. In what ways might you need to let delight shape your parenting or your influence on the next generation? Some ways Aaron mentioned include: demonstrate your delight, don't put children last but don't put them first, declare your delight, discipline from delight.

5 **Read Ephesians 6:4.** Who does God say has the primary responsibility of bringing up children and how? Have you ever believed the half-truth that godly parenting = godly children? How does that lead to taking too much blame or too much credit? In what ways do you need to stop trying to be the perfect parent or mentor and instead introduce children to the only perfect Parent there is?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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